

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM CORP., )  
dba GLAXOSMITHKLINE, )  
Plaintiff(s), ) No. C 07-5702 CW (BZ)  
v. )  
ABBOTT LABORATORIES, )  
Defendant(s). )  
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In the event a discovery dispute arises in the future, the parties shall meet in person or, if counsel are outside the Bay Area, by telephone and make a good faith effort to resolve their dispute. Exchanging letters or telephone messages about the dispute is insufficient. The Court will not read subsequent positioning letters; parties shall instead make a contemporaneous record of their meeting using a tape recorder or a court reporter.

In the event they cannot resolve their dispute, the parties must participate in a telephone conference with the Court **before** filing any discovery motions or other papers.

1 The party seeking discovery shall request a conference in a  
2 letter served on all parties not exceeding two pages (with no  
3 attachments) which briefly explains the nature of the action  
4 and the issues in dispute. Other parties may reply in similar  
5 fashion within two days of receiving the letter requesting the  
6 conference. The Court will contact the parties to schedule  
7 the conference.

8 After the conference with the Court, if filing papers is  
9 deemed necessary, they should be filed **electronically filed**  
10 with the Clerk's Office, with **one hard copy delivered directly**  
11 **to Magistrate Judge Zimmerman's Chambers (Room 15-6688)**. A  
12 chambers copy of all briefs shall be submitted on a diskette  
13 formatted in WordPerfect or e-mailed to the following address:  
14 **bzpo@cand.uscourts.gov**

15 Dated: April 28, 2009

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17 Bernard Zimmerman  
18 United States Magistrate Judge

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